

Dear Senator Eklund,

Please oppose Senate Bill 33, an anti-democratic and redundant bill designed to protect the assets of fossil fuel industries, while intimidating and bankrupting conscientious objectors and their supporters.

Laws already exist to charge those who make the hard choice to participate in nonviolent civil disobedience in our communities. Industries have the right and the means to protect their property, and citizens have the right to protest industrial activity that we believe is harmful or immoral. Industries have profits to protect, and citizens have health and safety to preserve, for ourselves and our children. When these two objectives clash, we have a court system to help determine which objective takes priority.

SB 33 is an unnecessary bill that unfairly targets those rightfully alarmed young citizens who will suffer the most from climate impacts caused by the fossil fuel industry's decades of denial. Thank you for opposing Senate Bill 33.

Sincerely,

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